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IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ISRAEL AND THE U.N.", TIMES OF MALTA
(CONSERVATIVE) OF JULY 21 COMMENTS:

"THE UNITED STATES SENATE HAS ADOPTED A UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION PRO-
TESTING AGAINST THREATS TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.
SOME THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO CUT OFF ISRAEL FROM THE REST
OF THE WORLD BY EXCLUDING HER FROM U.N. PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS AND BY
PLANNING TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE WORLD BODY. SUCH A MOVE IS AS
INJUSTIFIED AS IT IS BIASED AND CONDEMNABLE. IT COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS
REPERCUSSIONS ON THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

THE WARNING BY THE U.S. SENATE SHOULD BE WELL HEEDDED. IT IS
CLEARLY STATED THAT IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY THE SENATE WILL REVIEW ALL
PRESENT U.S. COMMITMENTS TO THE THIRD WORLD NATIONS INVOLVED IN THE
EXPULSION OF ISRAEL AND, MOREOVER, THE UNITED STATES WILL
CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE IMPLICATION OF CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE
UNITED NATIONS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE SENATE ACTION FOLLOWED THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HALIN
KHADDAM'S STATEMENT IN JEDDAH EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT
HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE 40-NATION ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS'
CONFERENCE WOULD APPRIVE HIS CALL FOR ISRAEL TO BE EXCLUDED FROM
THE UNITED NATIONS. SUCH A STEP WOULD CLEARLY JEOPARDIZE PEACE
EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SOME ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MANAGED
TO TIP SOME THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO THEIR SIDE IN A PLAN TO
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ERASE ISRAEL'S NAME FROM THE U.S. MAP, SHOULD THINK AGAIN ON THE

GRAVITY OF SUCH AN UNCALLED FOR MOVE". BIRN

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